

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

"Look Beyond" is the theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2013. Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March and invites you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Look Beyond."

Statewide and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. "Look Beyond" encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools everyone wins. "This is a time when our organization focuses on encouraging the public to better understand the individuals we serve," said Elfie Roman, Superintendent.

During 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness' Month, we encourage people to learn more about the nearly 2000 people in this community who have developmental disabilities and to recognize that all of us have talents and abilities that we can offer to make this a better place to live.

Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood Awareness Month Activities include:

- 3/1 -9:00 am 6th Annual Read Across America – Students from local schools will go to the Vocational Guidance Center and Willoughby Workshop in the morning to read books with and to individuals with developmental disabilities.
- 3/1-2nd Willoughby Idol at the Willoughby Workshop at 12:00 noon.
- 3/6 – Upside of Down's Karaoke night at Toth's Place in Mentor
- 3/8- Broadmoor Bobcat Basketball Team goes to CVCA for a game at 10:00 am
- 3/9 – LCARC Poor Man's Raffle Fundraiser
- 3/11- Ohio Public Images and Ohio County Board Association Awards Luncheon in Columbus. Jason Lea from mentor patch will be recognized for his outstanding support of the agency through his stories and posts on Mentor Patch.com.
- 3/14 – Annual Art Show Exhibit goes up at LCBDD/Deepwood Administration Building and will be on display through May 30.
- 3/14- 6th Annual Vocational Guidance Center (VCG) Idol at 12:30 pm.
- Individuals with Developmental Disabilities will compete for prizes and top honors in this talent show. Performers sing, dance and tell jokes. The top three from each program area will go on to compete in the 2nd Annual Deepwood Idol on March 30 at the Great Lakes Mall. Broadmoor School and Community Employment Services will also compete on the 30th.
- 3/18- Broadmoor Bobcats Travel to Perry High School for the Annual March Basketball Game
- 3/20 -11:00 am Willoughby Advocacy 5th Annual Chili Cook Off
- 3/21 – 'Teaching of Jon' Movie night and panel discussion at Willoughby Public Library 6:30 pm
- 3/22- Broadmoor Bobcat Basketball team travels to Wickliffe School at 10:00 am

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- 3/24 – Strides of March 5K, 8:30 am at Holden Arboretum to benefit Special Olympics
- 3/25 LCBDD/Deepwood Board meeting at 5:00pm
- 3/25- 5th Annual Broadmoor Bobcats vs. Area Coaches game at Mentor High School at 7 pm. Broadmoor Bobcats prepare for the big by playing area teams every Friday morning at 10 am at Broadmoor School (See schedule for details)
- 3/28 Look Beyond presentation at the Mentor Rotary meeting at LaMalfa
- 3/30 – 2nd Annual Deepwood Idol at the Great Lakes Mall.

During Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability. You'll learn that everyone has something to offer and that and when we are all together our communities are stronger, we accomplish more, and everyone wins!

The Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) Mission:
To advance public awareness and to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to become valued and contributing members of their communities

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